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Le Haut Commandement de la Wehrmacht

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Quartier Général du FUEHRER
30 Juillet I944.

TRES SECRET

Sujet: Traitement des Membres des "Missions Militaires" étrangères capturés en même temps que les partisans.

Dans les zônes de Haut Commandement sud-est et sud-ouest, les membres des soi-disant "Missions Militaires" étrangères (Anglo-Américains aussi bien que Russes soviétiques) capturés en cours de combats contre les partisans, ne seront pas traités comme prévu par les ordonnances spéciales concernant le traitement des partisans capturés. En conséquence, ils ne seront pas traités comme prisonniers de guerre, mais conformément à l'ordre du FUEHRER pour l'élimination des troupes terroristes et des sabotages, publié le I8 Octobre I942 (OKW/WFst.003830/42 g.Kdos).

Le présent ordre ne doit pas être transmis à d'autres unités des Forces Armées par des Hauts Commandements et Etats-Majors équivalents et doit être détruit après avoir été enregistré.

Le Chef du Haut Commandement de laWehrmacht

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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Draft of a letter from OKW regarding treatment of British, American and Russian so-called members of military missions. Calssified Top Secret.

Date: 30 Jul '44 Original (X) Copy ( ) Language: German

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 18 Sep '45:
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SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: OKW Files, Flensberg

PERSONS IMPLICATED: WEHRMACHT, OKW: KEITEL, Wilhelm; WARLIMONT.

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADINGS (Key to Par. nos. of Summary below):
1. ATROCITIES: Against military personnel
2. GENEVA CONVENTION, BREACH OF
3. WEHRMACHT: OKW

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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):
1. This letter which is sent to Staffs of the Wehrmacht and SS, and is signed by Keitel, orders the treatment of American, British and Soviet Russian members of so-called military missions who are captured in the battle against the Partisans in the sectors of Supreme Commanders Southeast and Southwest, according to Fuehrer Order of 18/10/42.
2. This order is not to go below the level of Corps Commanding Generals.

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The High Command of the Wehrmacht

Nr. 009074/44 Top Secret/WFSt/Qu.(Admin. 1)

The Fuehrer's Headquarters
30 July 1944

TOP SECRET

re: Treatment of members of foreign "Military Missions", captured together with partisans.

In the areas of the High Command Southeast and Southwest members of foreign so-called "Military Missions"(Anglo-American as well as Soviet-Russian) captured in the course of the struggle against partisans shall not receive the treatment as specified in the Special orders regarding the treatment of captured partisans. Therefore they are not to be treated as P/s but in conformity with the Fuhrer's order are the elimination of terror and sabotage troops of 18 October 1942 (OKW/WFSt. 003830/42 top secret)

This order shall not be transmitted to other units of the Armed forces via the High Commands and equivalent staffs and is to be destroyed after being made known.

The Chief of the High Command of the
Wehrmacht

(signed) KEITEL

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